

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, I attest on a personal knowledge basis to the mailing of the following papers on April 29, 2003, as First Class Mail in an envelope with sufficient postage addressed to The Commissioner for Patents, Box AF, Washington D.C. 20231:

- Response to Advisory Action of April 14, 2003
- Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449
- 7 references

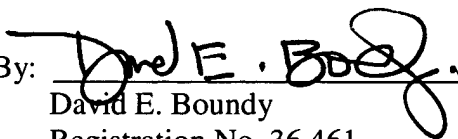
Because the papers were originally filed within the three-month shortened statutory time period set by the Office Action of January 29, 2003, in conformance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)(1)(A), this resubmission is timely, and no Petition for Extension of Time is required..

In view of the amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests that the application be passed to issue in due course. The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance. In the event that any extension of time is required, Applicant petitions for that extension of time required to make this response timely. Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to 50-0675, Order No. 57634.03.

Respectfully submitted,

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